Modular Containers That Can Be Interconnected, for Mutliple Uses

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INVENTION

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- 4 The present utility model refers to a new modular container that
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  5 can be interconectable, for multiple uses; and its [has for]
- 6 purpose to favor the conditions of reutilization of containers,
- 7 especially of the type manufactured for its later discard.

  DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART
- 8 As it is public and notorious, in the last decades the whole
- 9 world has been flooded by products with containers that can be
- 10 disposed of, which, although they facilitate its employment and
- 11 they reduce derived operative costs of claim, (such as
- 12 gathering, classification, cleaning, transport and storage,
- 13 etc.) they constitute, on the other hand, one of the humanity's
- 14 bigger ecological problems since, once used it is not known that
- 15 to do with them.
- 16 The problem is increased when such containers that can be
- 17 disposed of is not structured in material bio-degradables; for
- 18 that that its "it discards" truly it is not but the simple
- from one

  19 transfer of the containers of a place to other, without its

  being degradable
- 20 matter is degraded it prevails.
- 21 Inside the wide variety of containers that can be disposed of -
- 22 no degradables that know each other, the plastic bottles are
- 23 without a doubt which constitute the biggest volume, following
- 24 them in order, the metallic cans. For that that to give an

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- 4 cans a<del>pproximat</del>ely per year. In the case <del>peculiar</del> of the city
- 5 of Buenos Aires and the metropolitan area, during the year 1996
- 6 4,500,000 tons of garbage of the most diverse materials were
- 7 picked up; being the plastics composing 15%, particularly low for
- 8 Athe form of containers.
- 9 It is so the final destination of the plastic bottles it
- 10 finishes being that of the Lands and dumps, as well as those
- 11 denominated "sanitary fillers", what produces high proportion of
- 12 environmental contamination, obstructing pipes and mouths of
- 13 drainages and, mainly, forming true mantels or strata in all
- type of land files to which not even serve as material of
- 15 effective filler.
- when

  16 Three forms usually exist of facing the problem of the
- 17 containers that can be disposed of (that are not bio-
- 18 degradables):
- 19 1 the destruction of the containers:
- By means of the dive or crumbled mechanic: This process,
- 21 <u>although it facilitates the reduction volumetric of the</u>
- 22 <u>containers</u>, it doesn't modify the impossibility of
- 23 <u>degradation of their material.</u>

- By means of their burnt one: This process is maybe the

  fewer recommended of all, since the combustion of some

  plastic substances (I eat the PVC for example), it is

  highly polluting.
- By means of the action of chemo-destructive agents: it 5 has been tried to eliminate containers gathering them in 6 piletones where diverse chemical substances are 7 overturned; but such processes neither have had 8 acceptance, mainly due to the high operative costs, to 9 their limited yield; to that, in certain measure, they 10 are also pollutants (since they generate noxious vapors); 11 and to the fact that in general, they usually produce 12 anyway a residual material. 13 reutilization

#### 14 2 - the reutilización of the containers:

resource, although useful, is since an This 15 fundamentally, it limited proportion, employee in а 16 depends on the contained product (for example, 17 reutilization reutilización of containers that can be disposed of is 18 neither medicinal not allowed to contain nutritious 19 original product the packed products). Also, 20 contaminates anyway, to the new content, and it is not 21 always possible higienizar the containers, particularly 22 when they are of flimsy structure (I est for example, 23 those manufactured in processes of having blown). 24

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#### 1 3 - the one recycled of the material of the containers:

- This resource is also acceptable, because it 2 constitutes a form of use of the container; but has 3 in the first place, several inconveniences: because 4 starting from its first use it is polluted with diverse 5 inclusive which constituted its first 6 content -- and that, to eliminate them, it required of 7 relatively expensive processes; in second place, because 8 the recycled plastic doesn't conserve the properties of 9 the matter it prevails original and, therefore, it per 10 presents diverse practical inconveniences, such as the 11 premature aging, a bigger fragility, a poor presentation 12 in reason of combining the pigmentations, etc. 13
- 14 For everything it, alone a minimum proportion of plastic bottles
- 15 ends up being reutilizada, or recycled.
- 16 The pattern of utility that is described in the present
- 17 documentation, constitutes an ingenious resource that
- 18 facilitates the reutilización of containers that can be disposed
- types

  19 of -- tales like plastic bottles -- with a different utilitarian
- 20 end. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION
- In essence, it is to produce a new type of container provided
- 22 descartable -- tanto in their lateral walls as in their bolster
- and bottom --  $\odot f^{r}$  means of reciprocal interconnection with other
- 24 containers of the same characteristics; so that, instead of

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- 1 throwing them, you stimulate the accumulation of the empty
- 2 containers to compose structures of all type and application,
- 3 such as recreational, functional, ornamental, etc.
- 4 This way, for example, in the constructive aspect the bottles
- 5 encastrables in form of blocks modulares can constitute an
- 6 interesting solution to the problem of the housing. So that the
- 7 blocks transparent holes conform panels, or it leaves of the
- 8 same ones that facilitate the step from the light to their
- 9 inclination, cooperating to the environmental natural
- 10 illumination as well as to the energy saving.
- 11 Also, in such an application, if to the component modular blocks
- of each container reutilizado leaves them to him this way holes?
- 13 (containing only air) they constitute a water heater-insulating
- 14 structure; while if you the padded one with sand, earth or
- 15 another material pulverulent or to granulate appropriate, this
- 16 confers them a bigger inertia and, in the event of being used a
- 17 dark material, they can also retain the heat of the solar rays
- 18 to offer bigger comfort to the housing during the night.
- 19 Similarly, the new containers can be interconnected to form
- 20 composition games -- recreatives or didactic --, circumstance
- 21 that is rateable to give opportunity to the children and young
- 22 to develop the genius, and to contribute to the use non
- 23 pollutant of their environment.

1 It is foreseen that the connections can be carried out forming

2 structures so much right as gulches, undulant, arched and, even

3 ring segmented.

4 He couples among each two serial bottles for their extreme

5 bolster and for their bottom, you can carry out with the neck

6 threaded with or without their placed cover; including, also,

7 statements couple, means of retentive rim that prevent that the

8 modular elements is disconnected spontaneously.

9 In fact, the new system is able of being applied in everything

that that the imagination is able to conceive, returning the man

11 its capacity lúdica, when allowing him to apply its genius in

12 the conception of the most diverse structures and

13 configurations, and to take them to the practice with its own

14 hands, to transform containers that can be disposed of in

15 utilitarian and aesthetic systems. That is to say, to make of

16 the useless and harmful, an innovative and useful employment.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

19 For bigger clarity and understanding of the pattern of utility,

20 it illustrates it to him with several figures in which it has

21 been represented in one in their ways I preferred you give of

22 realization, everything to simple title of illustrative example,

bter

- 1 not limitative in which the suitable figures with oneself letter
- 2 corresponds oneself realization type; being::
- 3 Figure 1-A a view in perspective of the modular container that

  |NTER CONNECTABLE
- 4 can be interconectable in which the means of male embedding and
- 5 female are incoming and salient in a cylindrical way. You can
- 6 appreciate that the same ones are prepared in the lateral faces
- 7 and guided in the longitudinal sense of the container.
- 8 Figure 2-A, it is a traverse cut of the container in perspective
- 9 that allows to appreciate clearly like they prepare and the
- 10 mentioned means are conformed of it couples male-female starting
- 11 from the respective walls.
- 12 Figure 3-A, it is a schematic view in traverse court of two
- 13 containers in bottle form with you couple circular male-female,
- 14 indicating like the lateral connection takes place according to
- 15 the arrow.
- 16 Figure 4-A, it is lengthwise a view in perspective of the cut
- 17 container in two, and observed from their bottom or base, to
- 18 show the conformation of the same one, of it couples compatible
- 19 with the neck, with or without their cover.
- 20 Figure 5-A, they are two containers cut lengthwise and
- 21 represented in perspective to show the way in that the extreme
- 22 interconnection of the bottles takes place according to the
- 23 present invention.

- 1 Figure 6-A, a view in perspective of two containers in
- 2 circumstances of being interconnected by their ends (bolster and
- 3 bottom) of it couples reciprocal.
- 4 Figure 7-A, a longitudinal cut in perspective of two containers
- 5 as which shows the figure 4-A, already interconnected by the
- 6 reciprocal rim of the wall bolster and neck of one in the cavity
- 7 of the bottom of the other one.
- 8 Figure 8-A, is a form of connection of the container according
- 9 to the realization of the figure 1-A that shows to three
- interconnected bottles: two of them colinealmente for its ends
- 11 of it couples -- cabezal and bottom -- and the third, forming
- 12 90° with those.
- 13 Figure 9-A, is another form of connection of the container
- 14 according to the realization of the figure 1-A that shows to two
- 15 containers connected in cross.
- 16 Figure 10-A, is another form of connection of the container
- 17 according to the realization of the figure 1-A that shows
- 18 superimposed lines of containers interconnected laterally by its
- 19 ends and for two of its opposed lateral walls, forming a wall.
- 20 Figure 11-A, is a variant of connection of the containers
- 21 according to the realization of the figure 10-A that shows to
- 22 like two walls can be connected formed by containers and equalarea
- 23 concurrent to an area esquinefa.

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- 1 Figure 12-A, it is a schematic detail in traverse court and it
- 2 climbs increased of a game of means of joining reciprocal male-
- 3 female between two pack modulares; this increased detail of the
- 4 profile of the adornments of reciprocal rim, it shows the
- 5 formation of grooves or grooves dedicated on one hand of
- 6 cooperating to the security of the connection, and for another
- Trapped 7 to allow the exit of the air oclured in the female cavity.
- 8 It is a lateral view of a container in which the lateral
- 9 interconnection means are rectangular and they are guided in the
- 10 traverse sense of this container.
- 11 Figure 13-B, it is a view of a bottle according to the present
- 12 invention, but with their means of conformed embedding and
- 13 willing according to a new realization form in which the same
- 14 ones consist in incoming and salient right and rectangular that,
- 15 alternately, they extend to all the long of the lateral walls of
- 16 the same container; being the means of it couples prepared
- 17 bolster and conformed in an identical way to the figures 1
- 18 through 12-A.
- 19 Figure 14-B, a schematic traverse cut of a plurality of
- 20 containers conformed according to the realization 13-A showing
- 21 the way in that the lateral interconnection can take place with
- 22 the mentioned means.
- 23 Figure 15-C, shows a perspective of the bottle according to the
- 24 reference invention in a new realization form in the one that

- 1 the incoming and salient lateral of interconnection, they are
- 2 right and they prepare traversely.
- 3 Figure 16-C, a perspective of two bottles according to the
- 4 realization of the figure 15-C, showing the way in that the
- 5 mechanical connection takes place among the same ones by means
- 6 of you couple them traverse right.
- 7 Figure 17-C, a schematic view in elevation of different bottles
- 8 interconnected with union, and according to the realization of
- 9 the figures 15 and 16-C.
- 10 Figure 18-D, another realization form that, maintaining the
- 11 basic concepts of you couple them bottom cabezal/ $\vec{y}$ , as well as
- 12 the means of it couples lateral, in this case it presents the
- 13 particularity that this means of it couples lateral they consist
- 14 on alternate right projections with incoming right, of
- 15 connection male-female, but that they are guided sidelong with
- 16 regard to the longitudinal geometric axis of each lateral wall.
- 17 Figure 19-E, a view in perspective of the container, in which
- 18 has modified its format since, instead of the cylindrical or
- 19 prismatic form is, in this case, of section traverse trapecial.
- 20 Figure 20-E, a view of the realization 19-E of the container,
- 21 shown in perspective from their wall bolster, to observe like it
- 22 can lean on for one of their faces, for example, the base bigger
- than the configuration sectional trapectal that particularizes
- 24 it.

- 1 Figure 21-E, a view of several containers of section traverse
- 2 trapecial, interconnected by the lateral means of it couples
- 3 according to the invention, forming an undulant body.
- 4 Page 22-E, a variant of application of the containers connected
- 5 trapeciales forming an arch.
- 6 Figure 23-E, another variant of application of the containers
- 7 connected trapeciales forming a body of right segments.
- 8 The fig. 24-E, another variant of application of the containers
- 9 connected trapeciales forming a direct structure.
- 10 Figure 25, a detail in court and it climbs increased in relation
- 11 to that of the previous figures that shows the way in that the  $\alpha \rho e \times$
- 12 one takes place it couples longitudinal between two you pack
- they

  13 characteristic -- deeequal -- by means of the entrance of the
- 14 neck -- sin the cover that is shown here in lines of points --
- 15 of one of the containers in the depression or couple female
- 16 bolster formed in the external cavity of the bottom of the other
- 17 container; also, in this figure it is observed with clarity like
- 18 the ring cord in tooth form, starting from which the neck of the
- 19 container is born, puts on shoes retentively in a compatible
- 20 ring groove provided by the female cavity of the other
- 21 container, to assure the retention posicional of the one it
- 22 couples.

- 1 Figure 26, a detail of the neck of a container, without their
- 2 cover, indicating like it is calzable the ring cord in the
- 3 compatible groove of the other container; and finally,
- 4 Figure 27, the same detail of the figure 27 that shows to a
- 5 container with the cover begun in the compatible cavity of the
- 6 other and begun posicionalmente by the reciprocal rim of the
- 7 cord and ring groove of this containers.
- 8 In the different figures, the same reference numbers indicate
- 9 same or corresponding parts, and they have been pointed out with
- 10 the letters the groups of several elements.
- 11 Listing of the main references:
- 12 (a) means of lateral interconnection of the bottles
- 13 (b) means of interconnection bolster of the bottles
- 14 (1) lateral walls (they are which provide the means)
- 15 (1') smaller lateral wall of base (in the realization
- of container trapecial, figures 19 at 24)
- 17 (1") lateral walls (in the realization of container
- trapecial, figures 19 at 24)
- 19 (2) embeddings lateral male (salient)
- 20 (2') embeddings lateral female (recesses)
- 21 (3) bottom
- 22 (4) wall bolster
- 23 (4') cavity of the bottom (3) for the interconnection
- 24 bolster

1	(5)	neck of (4), (it acts as connector male bolster
2	(5')	couple female bolster in the bottom (3)
3	(6)	it covers
4	(7)	ring cord in tooth form, from birth of the neck
5		(5)
6	(7')	groove ring memory of (7)

# III - Main Object

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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To the specified ends, the new modular container that can be INTER CONNECTABLE interconectable, for multiple uses, it is of the type that, 10 conforming a bottle or the similar thing, -- de structures and 11 materials usually developed for its it discards --, essentially 12 understands a bottom (3) and lateral walls (1) finished in a 13 wall bolster (4); and this wall bolster (4), is prolonged in a 14 the limitation delimitante of an access mouth to its (5) 15 shuttable cerrable by means of a cover (6) of it removes 16 characterized because so much the lateral walls (1) as those of 17 bottom (3) and bolster (4), they possess means of 18 interconnection (to) and bolster with other containers (TO) of 19 the same characteristics. 20

# IV Description

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2 3 4 the invention In general terms, and I eat was already early, 5 refers to a container that essentially can conform a bottle similar/ whose structure and materials have been 7 plastic or usually developed for its it discards, after the use of its 8 ) to other uses This type of bottles essentially understands a bottom content/ (3) in the one that you/they have its birth the lateral walls 10 (1) finished in a wall bolster (4) that can be plane, or forming 11 arched shoulders, in form of cone trunk, etc.; being prolonged 12 the same one in a neck (5) that, in form of tubular mouthpiece, 13 it defines an access mouth to the interior of the bottle, 14 that can be removed, backon shuttable cerrable by means of a cover (6) of it removes and put/ (that 15 with engasing throcads and application of puts on shoes to thread, to pressure, etc. % 16 In the case of the present invention, the bottle, to modulate 17 to interconnect INTERCONNECT ABLE interconectable possesses interconnection means  $\Lambda( exttt{to})$  and with 18 that have pateral walls and the bottom and top 19 other containers 10 the same characteristics. Surfaces with means for lateral and for and bottom interconnection. The interconnection means (to) they prepare in lateral walls 20 combinable at they make it combinadamente in their bottom (3) (1), while the 21 and in their wall bolster (4). This way, so much the lateral 22 walls (1) as the head and the bottom of each container they 23 possess means of lateral interconnection (to), and bolster. (To 24

see figures 1-A, 4-A, 13-B, 15-C, 18-D); what allows to this

reutilizable

and the

1 type of container -- und time holes -- reutilizarse with

- 2 recreational, didactic, functional ends, etc. by means of
- 3 reciprocal joinings (I ext for example, which illustrate the
- 4 figures 3-A, 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-A, 9-A, 1-A, 11-A, 12-A, 14-B,
- 5 16-C, 21-E, 22-E, 23-E, and 24-A in a non limitative way).
- 6 Essentially, the means of lateral interconnection (to) they include compatible recesses
- 7 consist in incoming and salient conformed in the lateral walls
- 8 (1) of the bottle like means of embedding lateral male (2) and
- 9 female (2') that are compatible to each other. In a favorite
- 10 form of realization the mentioned embeddings lateral male (2)
- 11 they are constituted for salient cylindrical that constitute
- 12 bellboys of it couples compatible with the embeddings lateral
- 13 female (2') that are incoming or equally cylindrical cavities
- 14 These means of lateral interconnection (to) they prepare in the
- 15 lateral walls (1) guided in the longitudinal sense of the
- 16 bottle, and aligned on oneself axis and so that the lateral wall
- 17 (1) opposed they have different embeddings (2) and (2'). This
- 18 way while a lateral wall (1) has embeddings lateral male (2),
- 19 the lateral wall (1) opposed --+o, in their case, the adjacent
- 20 one -- it possesses embeddings lateral female (2'). (To see
- 21 series of figures TO).
- 22 The employment of means of lateral female male couples (b) in a
- 23 cylindrical way, besides simplifying the connection, has the
- 24 advantage of facilitating the relative rotation among pieces

- 1 connected by an only game of means (2)-(2'), if it was required
- 2 it (it figures 9-A). But, equally, the salient ones in form of
- 3 bellboys (2), it can be polygonal just as hexagonal, pentagonal,
- 4 etc.; should be of same compatible format the means of it
- 5 couples female (2').
- 6 In other realization forms the means of lateral interconnection
- 7 (to) among bottles they can be constituted by embeddings lateral
- 8 male (2) and female (2') of different conformation. This way,

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- 9 the same ones (2)-(2') they can be incoming and salient right
- 10 and alternate of configuration rectangular paralelepipédic
- 11 willing alternately in each lateral wall (1), like one observes
- in the series of figures of the realizations By. & and B. Also
- 13 in different realization forms, these lateral embeddings (2)
- 14 (2') they can be guided so much in the longitudinal sense of the
- 15 bottle (you figure 13-B and their form of connection 14-B), like
- 16 in the traverse sense (you figure 15 at 17-C); and even oblique
- 17 (it figures 18-D).
- 18 Preferably, the lateral faces -- destinadas to enter in
- 19 reciprocal contact in the salient ones (2) and incoming (2') --
- 20 they have a design ranurado or grooved (like it is schematized
- 21 in the cut of the figure 12-A), with the purpose of offering a
- RETENTION 22 bigger retentin of it couples and to facilitate the exit of the
- 23 air (since, of being this ocluído, the pressure would spread
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1 With regard to the means (b) of extreme interconnection between

2 the bolster of a bottle and the bottom of another of the same

3 type, they are which show the figures 4, 5, 7, 13, 25, 26 and

4 26. In general, the same ones consist on a salient one by way

5 of male, -- conformada it couples for the wall bolster (4) of

6 the bottle --, compatible with an incoming one that defines the

7 external face of the bottom (3) of the bottle

8 Plus particularly, the wall bolster (4) of the bottle that

9 conforms the shoulders of the same one (planes, arched, conical,

10 etc.), toward the extremity proximal of the same container it

11 reduces their traverse section gradually, to finish in the neck

12 (5) that can be threaded or with projections to allow the rim of

to be removed back Corresponding!?

13 a cover (6) of it removes and put. Consordantements, the bottom

14 wall (3), by way of half of female connection with the wall

15 bolster (4) and their neck (5), it conforms a concavity (4') of

16 size and compatible format with the mentioned shoulders, also

17 including a compatible central depression with the neck (5) of

18 the bottle; being able to produce the one couples of the

19 mentioned neck (5) in direct form, (yed figure 25 and 26), or

20 still providing their cover (6), it figures 27.

21 It is of highlighting that, preferably, it has been foreseen

22 that the neck (5) of the bottle, be born or possess a salient

23 one or ring cord (7) projected from the periphery of this

- container and finished in form of ring tooth (yet figure 25 at 1
- 27). 2
- This projection can be of the type that usually certain 3
- container type has to hold the bottles, as resistant handle 4
- (since the necks are usually relatively short); undoubtedly in 5
- this case takes advantage it to put/on shoes in a ring groove Memory
- (7') that -- compatible in format and disposition with the 7
- mentioned cord (7) -- during the one it couples that it 8
- INDICATED: indicate din the figures 25 and 27, this groove works with and
- retentive rim of the one it couples avoiding that the component 10 is forced
- parts are come out, unless it forces it to it. 11
- In agreement with the mentioned forms, the cavity (4') of the 12
- bottom wall (3) it can be concave rounded, or infundibuliforme 13 in the form of a cone trunk including acentral depression
- with a concave portion. In this last case the concave portion Compatible with anciel of another bottle of similar characteristics and con annular groove can have trunk-confcal form, in a case, or trunk-pyramidal in 14
- 15
- In all the cases the concave portion is provided of a 16
- compatible central depression with the neck (5) of the bottle. 17
- In another realization form the cavity (4 ') of the bottom (3) 18
- concave it conforms an it couples female bolster (5') that is in 19
- size and compatible way with the neck (5) of the bottle, without 20
- This couples (5') can have nerves or internal their cover (6). 21
- projections that define a lightly smaller interior diameter to 22
- the exterior of this neck (5), so that the interconnection male-23
- female among the mentioned neck (5) of a bottle, and the one 24

- 1 couples (5') of the cavity (4') power station provided by the
- 2 bottom (3) of another bottle, it is able to take place, for
- 3 forced rim to pressure.
- 4 In synthesis the union of the bottles modulares interconectables
- 5 by means of their respective embeddings lateral males (2) and
- 6 females (2'), as well as by means of their necks (5) and couple
- 7 bolsters (5') it allows the constitution of groups in diverse
- 8 ways and applications, from devices lúdicos until structural
- 9 groups as walls. (such as which, to simple title of illustrative
- 10 example, not limitative, they show the figures 3-A, 5-A, 6-A,
- 11 7-A, 8-A, 9-A, 1-A, 11-A, 12-A, 14-B, 16-C, 21-E, 22-E, 23-E,
- 12 and 24-A).
- 13 In what concerns to the format of the container in if, this can
- regular

  14 be cylindrical, prismatic square, Aprismatic square ochavado,
- 15 prismatic hexagonal (to allow constructions to "bee honeycomb") price
- 16 etc.; although always maintaining the principle of the lateral
- 17 joining means and ends that it constitutes the essence of the
- 18 invention.
- 19 Another in the ways possible of realization of this format -
  CD-advantageous reutilization
- 20 coadyuvante to favor the reutilización of the bottles up to now
- 21 descartables -- it is the one of giving to the same ones a
- 22 format of section traverse trapecial (that illustrate the
- 23 figures 19-E, 20-E, 21-E, 22-E, 23-E and 24-E), defined by the
- 24 biggest base(1), the minor(1') and the sides(1").

- With this form, according to the position in that the sides are
- coupled (1") of the connected bottles, it is dable to obtain 2
- undulant conformations as that of the figure 21-E, segmented as 3
- in the figure 23-E, in arch like in 22-E of clock that, completed 4
- it can define a complete circle; straight line as in the figure 5
- 6 24-E; etc.
- In all the cases, the bottles this way connected, anyone is
- their form and the type of the used joining means, it allows to 8
- build walls or hollow, insulating structures, or you stuff with 9
- such diverse materials as earth, sand, etc. 10
- It is certain that to the being the present invention taken to 11
- the practice, they will be able to be introduced modifications 12
- that that to certain construction details and is formed refers, 13
- implies it to move away from the fundamental without it 14
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### v - Claims

- 2 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:
- 3 There being this way especially descripto and certain the nature
- 4 of the pre sat down utility model, and how it can be taken to
- 5 the practice, it is declared, to claim, as of exclusive right
- 6 and property:
- 7 1. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 8 interconnected, for multiple uses, each said container
- 9 comprising:
- a bottom surface, a top surface, and lateral walls that
- 11 are joined to one another via the bottom surface and the top
- 12 surface; and said top surface having a prolonged neck delimiting
- 13 an access mouth to an interior of said container, said access
- 14 mouth being shuttable using a cover that can be removed; wherein
- the lateral walls and the bottom and top surfaces possess
- 16 means for lateral and top and bottom interconnection with others
- 17 of the plurality of modular containers, wherein the means for
- 18 interconnection include compatible recesses and salients and of
- 19 reciprocal fit through initial, but not continuous, pressure.
- 20 2. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 21 interconnected, in accordance with claim 1, wherein the means
- 22 for lateral interconnection are recesses and salients conformed
- 23 in the lateral walls of the container as male-female engaging
- 24 means, compatible to each other and disposed along said walls.

- 1 3. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 2 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the means
- 3 for lateral interconnection are guided in the longitudinal sense
- 4 of the container.
- 5 4. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 6 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the means
- 7 for lateral interconnection are guided in the traverse sense of
- 8 the container.
- 9 5. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 10 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the means
- 11 for lateral interconnection are guided at an angle with regard
- 12 to the longitudinal geometric axis of the container.
- 13 6. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 14 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the means
- 15 for lateral interconnection are alternate recesses and salients
- 16 compatible to each other that constitute male-female engaging
- 17 means with the equivalent recesses and salients provided by the
- 18 lateral walls of other containers similar to those with which
- 19 they are laterally connectable.
- 20 7. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 21 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the means
- 22 for top interconnection includes a salient conformed in the top
- 23 surface of the container, compatible with recesses conforming in
- 24 the bottom surface an external cavity, as male-female engaging

- 1 means among said top surface of each container with regard to
- 2 said cavity of the bottom surface of another similar container.
- 3 8. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 4 interconnected, in accordance with claim 2, wherein the
- 5 compatible salients and their recesses are circular.
- 9. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 7 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 2,
- 8 wherein the compatible salients and their recesses are alternate
- 9 nerves with straight recesses.
- 10 10. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 11 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 7,
- 12 wherein the means for top interconnection of a container with
- 13 the cavity and central depression in the bottom of another
- 14 container of similar characteristics includes a neck born in the
- 15 top shoulder of the container, starting from a surrounding cord
- 16 that is projected to form an annular tooth of retention against
- 17 an annular groove, compatibly provided by the cavity of the
- 18 bottom surface.
- 19 11. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 20 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 7,
- 21 wherein the top surface of the container, conforming shoulders
- 22 on the top surface toward a proximal extremity gradually reduces
- 23 its traverse section, ending the formation of the neck; while,
- 24 the bottom surface as a female connection means with the top and

- 1 its neck includes a cavity of size and format compatible with
- 2 the shoulders and that includes a central depression compatible
- 3 with the admission of the neck of another container of similar
- 4 characteristics.
- 5 12. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 6 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 11,
- 7 wherein the shoulders are rounded convex.
- 8 13. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 9 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 11,
- 10 wherein the shoulders are in the form of a cone trunk whose
- 11 smaller base is prolonged conforming the neck of the bottle.
- 12 14. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 13 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 7,
- 14 wherein shoulders on the top surface are in trunk-pyramidal
- 15 shape whose smaller base is prolonged conforming the neck of the
- 16 container.
- 17 15. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 18 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 10,
- 19 wherein the external cavity of the bottom surface is rounded
- 20 concave, and includes a central depression compatible with the
- 21 neck of the container; and an adjacency area among the central
- 22 depression and said cavity of the bottom surface, and which
- 23 includes an annual groove compatible with an annular cord of the
- 24 neck.

- 16. A plurality of modular containers that can 1 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 9, 2 wherein the cavity of the bottom surface is infundibuliform with 3 a concave portion in the form of a cone trunk including a 4 central depression compatible with a neck of another bottle of 5 characteristics and an annular groove, in 6 compatible to a retentive fit of an annular cord of the outer 7
- 9 17. A plurality of modular containers that can be
  10 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 9,
  11 wherein the cavity of the bottom surface is infundibuliform,
  12 including a concave portion in a concave trunk-pyramidal shape,
  13 provided of a central depression compatible with the neck of the
  14 bottle.

compatible bottle which is connectable to the same.

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- 18. A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 9, wherein the central depression of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck and an annular cord of the container and its cover.
- 19. A plurality of modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 15, wherein the central depression of the concave bottom is in size and shape compatible with that of the neck and an annular cord of the container lacking its cover.

- 1 20. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 2 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 19,
- 3 wherein said central cavity of the concave bottom is inwardly
- 4 provided with a threaded portion compatible with a threaded
- 5 portion of the neck of the bottle.
- 6 21. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 7 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 19,
- 8 wherein the central cavity of the concave bottom is in size and
- 9 shape compatible with that of the neck of the container without
- 10 its cover, although with a slightly smaller interior diameter to
- 11 the exterior of said neck; so that the male-female
- 12 interconnection among the mentioned neck of a bottle, and the
- 13 central cavity provided by the bottom of another bottle is able
- 14 to take place by a forced fit through initial, but not
- 15 continuous, pressure.
- 16 22. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 17 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 19,
- 18 wherein the central depression of the concave bottom is in size
- 19 and shape compatible with that of the neck of the bottle without
- 20 its cover, although provided of nerves that an interior diameter
- 21 slightly reduced respecting the exterior of said neck; so that a
- 22 male-female interconnection among the neck of a container and
- 23 the central depression provided by the bottom of another

- 1 container is able to take place due to a forced fit by initial,
- 2 but not continuous pressure.
- 3 23. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 4 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 2,
- 5 wherein a central cavity of a concave bottom surface is in size
- 6 and shape compatible with that of the neck of the bottle without
- 7 its cover, although provided of nerves that reduce its interior
- 8 diameter with regard to an external diameter of said cover; so
- 9 that a male-female interconnection among the neck and cover of
- 10 the container and the central cavity provided in the bottom
- 11 surface of another container is able to take place due to a
- 12 forced fit by initial, but not continuous pressure.
- 13 24. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 14 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 15 wherein a traverse section of the container is square and is
- 16 defined by the lateral walls provided of the interconnection
- 17 means with other bottles of similar characteristics.
- 18 25. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 19 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- wherein the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to a prism.
- 21 26. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 22 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 23 wherein the lateral walls of the container correspond to a
- 24 regular prism.

- 1 27. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 2 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 3 wherein the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to an
- 4 irregular prism.
- 5 28. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 6 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 7 wherein the lateral walls of the bottle correspond to a prism
- 8 having a square base.
- 9 29. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 10 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 11 wherein the lateral walls of the container correspond to a prism
- 12 having a square base in an octagonal shape. (that is its corners
- 13 slanted)
- 14 30. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 15 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 16 wherein the lateral walls of the container correspond to a prism
- 17 having an octagonal base.
- 18 31. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 19 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,
- 20 wherein the lateral walls of the container correspond to a prism
- 21 having a trapeziform base.
- 22 32. A plurality of modular containers that can be
- 23 interconnected, for multiple uses in accordance with claim 1,

- 1 wherein the lateral walls of the container correspond to a prism
- 2 having a circular base.

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1 ABSTRACT

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Modular containers that can be interconnected, for multiple 2 uses of the type that, forming a bottle or similar thing, of 3 structure and materials usually developed for their disposal, 4 essentially includes a bottom and lateral walls finished in a to 5 This top wall is prolonged in a neck delimiting an access 6 mouth to an interior or the container that can be shut by means of a cover that is removable. The lateral walls, as do those of 8 the bottom and top, possess means of lateral and top 9 interconnection with other containers of similar 10 characteristics, including compatible recesses and salients and 11

of reciprocal fit through initial, but not continuous presssure.